



Frequently Asked Questions About the Tourism Infrastructure Investment Program (TIIP) 2012

Who is eligible to apply?

Any organization officially recognized by the IRS as having a non-profit status. Montana Indian tribes, cities and counties would be considered as qualifying tourism-related, nonprofit groups for the purposes of applying for participation in TIIP.

What is the required match?

The required match is 2:1. For every two dollars of grant money being requested, the sponsor must provide one dollar.

The match must be in “hard” dollars. In-kind services will not be considered as part of the required hard match amount.

Money that has been put toward the project in the current and previous fiscal year (since July 2011) may be considered as part of the hard match.

What are the grant amounts?

The grants can range from the minimum of \$20,000 to the maximum amount available for the TIIP grants in any given year. The amount of FY 2013 (July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013) TIIP Grant funds will be determined by June 2012. Applicants should check with the Montana Office of Tourism in June to confirm the grant fund amount.

How Do I get a TIIP Application?

Contact Montana Office of Tourism’s Tourism Development & Education Program, 406-841-2795, FAX 406-841-2871, vbjornberg@mt.gov. Current, updated application forms are available in March of each year. TIIP applications,

guidelines, funding history and other program information is available electronically at <http://travelmontana.mt.gov/forms/>

When is the application deadline?

Completed applications must be received at Montana Office of Tourism, Department of Commerce, 301 South Park Avenue, Helena, MT 59620-0533 by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 1, 2012. No Late or Incomplete Applications will be considered.

What types of projects are eligible?

TIIP funds are to be used for “brick and mortar” projects. They cannot be used for marketing or ongoing operating expenses. Types of usage that would be allowed include, but are not limited to, project construction costs associated with building new and/or remodeling or preserving existing tourism and recreation attractions, historical sites and artifacts; costs associated with purchasing new and/or existing tourism and recreation attractions, historical sites and artifacts; and equipment purchased for specific tourism project operation.

What types of projects score high?

Projects that score high usually fall into one or more of these three categories:

1. Projects that clearly demonstrate their role as a tourism & recreation attraction in their community and region, and the benefits the project will provide through maintaining or expanding this visitor attraction.
2. All project funding is in place and TIIP Grant funding will complete a project rather than provide “seed money” to start a project.
3. The urgency and need of the tourism-related project is clearly demonstrated (i.e. the proposed project focuses on urgent repairs and/or stabilization to a recognized cultural, historical, interpretive and/or other tourism-related resource that would be lost or damaged without this work).

What types of projects score low?

All infrastructure needs are important and each project application is judged on the merits of the information provided in the application. Projects that retain or attract visitors – out of state visitors and Montanans from outside the community – based upon cultural, historical, or interpretive significance have scored higher than projects where people may stop briefly and be pointed to other attractions in the area. Historically, projects that have scored lower in the process have included visitor information centers, stand alone public restroom facilities, and primarily local use facilities. Lower priority may be given to projects submitted

by state and federal agencies or projects that received TIIP funds within the previous 5 years.

What is the timeline for the selection process?

Applications are due to the Montana Office of Tourism on August 1, 2012. The TIIP committee reviews and scores the applications and makes a recommendation to the Tourism Advisory Council (TAC) at their October meeting. The TAC then makes a recommendation to the Montana Commerce Director who makes the final decision. TIIP Grant funding decisions are usually announced in mid to late October. All applicants are then notified of the status of their application.

How long does the recipient have to invest his grant funds?

Grant funds must be spent within 18 months of signing the contract. Contracts are usually signed in December.

What projects have been funded?

Fiscal Year 2012

- Pine Butte Guest Ranch (The Nature Conservancy of Montana), New Waste Water System to Protect Rocky Mountain Front Water Quality, (Choteau): \$75,000
- World Museum of Mining, Public Access to Orphan Girl Headframe (Butte): \$44,500
- Community Works, Inc., Outdoor Interactive Exhibits and Equipment at ExplorationWorks Museum of Science and Culture (Helena): \$36,800
- Huntley Project Museum, Relocate Buildings to Historic Town Site Display (Huntley): \$22,333
- Ursuline Centre Historical Foundation, Ursuline Centre Masonry Resortation Project (Great Falls): \$75,000
- NW Montana Historical Society, "History of the Flathead Valley" Exhibit (Kalispell): \$32,289
- HiLine Youth Hockey Association, Valley Event Center Elevator & Foyer Project (Glasgow): \$46,378
- Carbon County Historical Society & Museum, Complete Mining Exhibit (Red Lodge): \$20,100
- Missoula Downtown Association, Caras Park Pavilion Improvements (Missoula): \$50,000
- Children's Museum of NE Montana, Renovate second floor mezzanine for museum use (Glasgow): \$27,600
- Two Medicine Dinosaur Center, Construct second floor mezzanine for program and event space (Bynum): \$50,000
- Big Sky Community Corporation, Big Sky Community Park Event and Activity Area (Big Sky): \$50,000

Fiscal Year 2011

- Evelyn Cameron Heritage Inc., Evelyn Cameron Cultural Center Project (Terry): \$24,000
- Phillips County Historical Society, H.G. Robinson House Restoration (Malta): \$60,933
- Big Horn County Historical Society, Big Horn County Museum Expansion & Renovation (Hardin): \$40,000
- Bannack Association & Historic Lodge NO. 3-7-77 of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, Bannack State Park Group Use Shelter (Bannack): \$65,000
- Prairie County Museum, Museum and Evelyn Cameron Gallery preservation and improvements (Terry): \$20,000
- Great Falls Community Ice Foundation, Great Falls Ice Plex insulation & radiant heat (Great Falls): \$40,000
- Emerson Arts & Cultural Center, Crawford Theater Roof Replacement (Bozeman): \$50,067

Fiscal Year 2010

- Hill County, Wahkpa Chu'gn Buffalo Jump Preservation Project (Havre); \$66,667
- River and Plains Society, Bourgeois House Reconstruction at Old Fort Benton (Fort Benton); \$60,000
- Wolf Point Area Historical Society, Museum Relocation Project (Wolf Point); \$50,000
- Historical Museum at Fort Missoula, Boiler Replacement at Historic Post Headquarters (Missoula); \$50,000
- Powell County Museum & Arts Foundation, Milwaukee Railroad Exhibit & Museum (Deer Lodge); \$34,100
- Western Heritage Center, Boiler replacement and Humidity Control Project (Billings); \$29,000

Fiscal Year 2009

- Museum of the Rockies, Explore Yellowstone: Children's Discovery Center (Bozeman); \$67,270
- International Choral Festival, Inflatable Sound Shell, Risers, and Trailer (Missoula); \$25,190
- Helena Presents/Myrna Loy Center, Exterior and Interior Improvements to Myrna Loy Center (Helena); \$63,770
- Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center, River Valley Wolf Habitat (West Yellowstone); \$67,270
- Yellowstone Art Museum, Public Access Gallery at Permanent Collection Facility (Billings); \$46,500
- Rialto Community Theatre, Inc., Elevator Cab and carpeting (Deer Lodge); \$30,000

Fiscal Year 2008

- Blaine County Wildlife Museum/Blaine County Museum, Wildlife Museum Moose-Grizzly Encounter Diorama (Chinook); \$50,000
- Friends of the Hobson Library, Museum Project (Hobson); \$50,000
- Judith River Foundation, Inc, The Great Plains Dinosaur Museum & Field Station, Malta); \$50,000
- Musselshell Valley Historical Museum, Roofing Project (Roundup); \$20,000
- Colter Pass, Cooke City, Silver Gate Chamber of Commerce, Shoofly Historical Center (Cooke City); \$30,000
- The Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation, Powwow Grounds Renovation (Box Elder); \$66,227
- Fort Belknap Indian Community Council, Horse Capture Community Park and Tourism Center Renovation & Improvements (Fort Belknap Agency); \$20,000

Fiscal Year 2007

- Charlie Russell Chew Choo Dinner Train, train car upgrades, (Lewistown); \$64,322
- Mission Valley Friends of the Arts, John Dowdall Theatre energy efficiency upgrade (Polson); \$27,000
- Friends of the Pioneer Museum, building/energy efficiency improvements, (Glasgow); \$20,693
- Culbertson Museum Club, Inc., exhibit/activity building project, (Culbertson); \$27,985
- Montana Shakespeare in the Parks, touring van purchase, (Bozeman); \$20,000
- HiLineYouth Hockey Assoc., Valley Event Center 2nd floor meeting & activity area, (Glasgow); \$20,000
- Judith Basin County, Utica Community Center building renovation, (Utica); \$20,000

Fiscal Year 2006

- Conrad Mansion, electrical system upgrade, (Kalispell); \$41,400
- Holter Museum of Art, Roof Renovation, (Helena); \$50,000
- Makoshika Dinosaur Museum, Fire Suppression System & Exhibit Expansion, (Glendive); \$38,600
- Meagher County Historical Association, Window Restoration for Castle Museum, (White Sulphur Springs); \$20,000
- Missoula Art Museum, Grand Foyer of Renaissance, Renewal & Renovation Campaign, (Missoula); \$50,000

Fiscal Year 2005

- Custer County Art & Heritage Center, Pumphouse Renovation, (Miles City); \$48,360
- Liberty Village Arts Center & Gallery, Roof, Siding & Basement Project, (Chester); \$20,500
- Pondera History Association, Pondera County Museum Exhibit, (Conrad); \$21,400
- HiLine Youth Hockey Association, Inc., Valley Event Center, (Glasgow); \$109,740

Fiscal Year 2004

- Beartooth Nature Center, Wildlife Access Project, (Red Lodge); \$25,000
- Great Falls Baseball Foundation, Inc., Legion Park Improvements, (Great Falls); \$50,000
- Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center, “Bears: Imagination & Reality” Exhibit Building and Installation, (West Yellowstone); \$69,000
- International Wildlife Film Festival & Media Center, Full Public Access Facility Project, (Missoula); \$20,000
- Mission Valley Friends of the Arts, John Dowdall Theater Safety & Access Project, (Polson); \$36,000

Fiscal Year 2003

- Conrad Mansion Directors, Inc, Conrad Mansion roof replacement, (Kalispell); \$50,000
- Children’s’ Museum of Montana, Interior and Accessibility Improvements, (Great Falls); \$29,000
- Livingston Depot Foundation, Livingston Depot Center Structural Repair and Roof Replacement, (Livingston); \$50,000
- Phillips County Historical Society, Robinson House Landscape Project, (Malta); \$21,000

Fiscal Year 2002

- Northwest Montana Historical Society/Central School Museum, Timber Products Industry History Exhibit, (Kalispell); \$30,000
- Huntley Project Museum of Irrigated Agriculture, Museum Center Construction (Huntley); \$43,415
- Richland Youth Hockey, Inc., Complete Construction of Multi-Use Community Event Facility (Sidney); \$76,585

Fiscal Year 2001

- Daly Mansion Preservation Trust; Daly Mansion Restoration (Hamilton); \$50,000
- Miracle of America Museum, Inc.; Miracle of America Museum (Polson); \$30,000

- World Museum of Mining; The Orphan Girl Underground Exhibit, (Butte); \$30,000
- Friends of Makoshika; Makoshika Group Picnic Shelter, (Glendive); \$20,000
- Hill County H.Earl Clack Museum; Wahkpa Chu'gn Archeological Site Improvements (Havre); \$20,000

Fiscal Year 2000

- Rialto Community Theatre, Inc. (Deer Lodge), \$73,677
- Blaine County Wildlife Museum/Blaine County Museum (Chinook), \$61,600
- Moss Mansion Carriage House Reconstruction (Billings), \$24,000
- Historic Savenac Nursery Infrastructure Restoration (Haugan) \$20,361.50
- The Reid Building Museum & Archival Library Renovation (Twin Bridges), \$20, 361.50

Fiscal Year 1999

- The High Plains West Heritage Museum & Archives (Great Falls), \$56,150
- Makoshika State Park Amphitheater Renovation (Glendive), \$48,850
- Old Montana Prison 1912 Cell House Roof Replacement (Deer Lodge), \$45,000

Fiscal Year 1998

- Peaks to Plains Museum (Red Lodge), \$44,026
- Reconstruction of Historic Fort Benton (Fort Benton), \$38,435
- Old Trail Museum Exhibit Upgrade Completion and Infrastructure Stabilization (Choteau), \$24,699
- Seeley/Swan Historical Museum & Visitor's Center (Seeley Lake), \$55,000
- ZooMontana--Initial Phase: Plains Habitat (Billings), \$37,000

Fiscal Year 1997

- Fort Peck Theater (Fort Peck), \$95,500
- Montana Wildlife Rehabilitation Center & Nature Park (Helena), \$66,968
- Hangman's Building Restoration (Virginia City), \$60,000
- Yellowstone Art Center's Expansion (Billings), \$50,000
- Chief Plenty Coups' House Restoration (Pryor), \$47,532
- Charlie Russell Chew-Choo Tour Train (Lewistown), \$30,000

Fiscal Year 1996

- Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center (Great Falls), \$200,000
- St. Mary's Mission Museum and Research Library (Stevensville) \$50,000
- Malta's Museum of the Future (Malta), \$50,000
- Pictograph State Park's Pictograph Recovery & Stabilization (Billings), \$20,000

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